CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby carries that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patchies, Washington, D.C. 2023 I. Typed or Printed Name Signature 16/02 RECEIVED UCAL121 AMENDMENT UNDER Attorney Docket 2429 Confirmation No. 37 C.F.R. §1.111 SEP 2 5 2002 First Named Inventor Y. Huang 09/544,910 Application Number TECH CENTER 1600/2900 April 7, 2000 Filing Date Address to: 1642 Group Art Unit **Assistant Commissioner for Patents Examiner Name** S.L. Rawlings Washington, D.C. 20231 Title Methods and compositions for use

in the treatment of hyperlipidemia

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 15, 2002. A Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before September 15, 2002. Because September 15, 2002 fell on a Sunday, this amendment is being filed on the next business day, i.e., September 16, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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I. AMENDMENTS

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the amendments to claims 1 and 5, as shown below.

1. (Three Times Amended) A method for reducing the plasma level of VLDL in a host, said method comprising:

administering to said host an effective amount of an agent which reduces the amount of plasma active apoE in said host by reducing the expression of apoE by an amount sufficient to reduce VLDL production in said host to reduce the plasma level of VLDL in said host, whereby the plasma level of VLDL in said host is reduced by at least two fold.

5. (Three Times Amended) A method of treating a host suffering from a disease condition associated with elevated plasma levels of VLDL, said method comprising: